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DEFENSE CALLS FOR \$400,000,000

Comprehensive Military and Naval Program to be Placed Before Congress by President Wilson.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 13.—Four hundred million dollars for national defense—an increase of approximately \$140,000,000 over last year—constitutes the amount which President Wilson and his advisors at present estimate should be appropriated by the next congress for the army and navy.

As this date—Friday—for completion of the annual estimates draws near, the president is giving preliminary consideration to the national defense budget out of which it is hoped to lay down a stronger naval program than the United States ever has authorized and similarly a larger provision for the military establishment than has been customary in time of peace.

The president has had before him for several weeks the outlines of military policy of a continuing character framed by Secretary Garrison after more than a year's study with officers of the general staff. With it the president is in hearty accord, regarding it as a conservative, well-balanced program. While the details have not been revealed, a substantial increase in the regular army of from 87,000 to at least 120,000 men and the creation of a reserve of perhaps 400,000 men through a short term enlistment service of citizens interested in the military training, are said to be parts of the plan.

As yet the exact appropriation to be definitely recommended for the army and navy respectively has not been definitely fixed. Indications are that the army's budget of \$110,000,000 last year will be increased by at least \$60,000,000, while Secretary Daniels is figuring on obtaining a \$100,000,000 increase over the navy appropriation of \$148,000,000 of last year.

When the president and the secretaries of war and navy confer next week it is understood an effort will be made to bring the total sum within the \$400,000,000 mark. At present the combined total which the two branches of the service will submit to the president, it is said, would make about \$450,000,000. If the needs of the two services can be cut to \$400,000,000 the total increase over last year would be about \$140,000,000. The general view in administration quarters is now that a bond issue will be proposed as a means of meeting the added expense.

The president's determination to message a defense program to cost about \$400,000,000 has been emphasized in high official quarters in the last few days, following Mr. Wilson's recent speech saying the American people were convinced that the United States should be very adequately prepared, not for war, but for defense.

Much interest has been manifested in the conferences the president expects having with members of congress at which it is believed the procedure for the army and navy bills will be discussed. Both will be made administration measures, and they probably will be given the right-of-way over all legislation.

Chairman Hay, of the house military affairs committee, will confer with the president tomorrow concerning the plan for the army, and Monday Secretary Garrison is expected to return to Washington to begin a series of talks with the president.

A Great Controversy Ended

Why may we say that the great controversy is ended? The final German note deals only with the case of the *Arabic*. What about the *Lusitania*? What about other ships and other claims? Clearly they are all implicitly covered by the concessions in the case of the *Arabic*. That is to say, in law, in logic and in practical effect the German government has assented to the entire contention of President Wilson. The expressions used by Ambassador Bernstorff in the instance of the *Arabic* are such as to

prove the giving up of the very last point. Germany will pay the indemnity which a month ago she said was out of the question. But if so far the American lives lost on the *Arabic*, a fortiori for the American murdered on the *Lusitania*. Supposing the matter were left to arbitration—Germany would not have a leg to stand on. All that American counsel would have to do would be to read to the tribunal Germany's official admissions. She concedes that the sinking of merchant vessels by her submarines was both lawless and inhuman. What could the most prejudiced court of arbitration do after that but proceed to assess the damages which Germany must pay? The cause is finished. The crisis is over.

If the final solution has required great courage and inflexible determination on the part of President Wilson, it is only fair to bear in mind that the German government too had to be bold and firm. It had not only to confess itself mistaken, and openly to repudiate its own Admiralty; it had also to face a strong and bitter public opinion at home. There can be no doubt that the news of the surrender at Washington will cause much heart-burning throughout Germany. It will take all the authority of the government, all the severity of censorship, to prevent sharp criticism. This popular sentiment has all along been one of the great obstacles to a peaceful settlement of the submarine controversy. Those who, from the time of the sinking of the *Lusitania*, feared war between the United States and Germany feared it mainly because it seemed impossible that a proud and militarily intoxicated country like Germany could retreat in a diplomatic dispute. But she has done it in the fullest manner. The president has had his way. Through good report and through ill he has held to his course and now he has the intense satisfaction not only of having been able to keep his country out of war but of having made its stand for neutral rights, for international law and for elementary humanity brilliantly successful. It is needless to lavish laudation upon Mr. Wilson. The facts, the record, the things known of all men, praise him more eloquently than could any words.—New York Evening Post.

School Notes

The high school now has two literary societies. They will have meetings every two weeks. Recitations, declamations and debates will be given.

The board of education has purchased a set of *Britannica Encyclopedia* for the schools. This will be a most valuable addition to our library and will be much appreciated.

The attendance in all the rooms is good. A few are out on account of being ill with typhoid, and one girl was made very ill from being vaccinated.

On Wednesday week Clayton will be visited by State Supl. White and Dr. Boyd, president of the state university, John V. Conway, County Superintendent of Santa Fe County, and Principal E. N. Enloe of the State Normal, Silver City. They will address the citizens of Clayton on that evening. The following is a list of the teachers employed in the Clayton schools:

Prof Smith, 8th grade and manual training; Miss Sara O. Hutchings, 3rd grade and domestic art and domestic science. First primary Miss Nan J. Morgan; 2nd primary, Etta May Leavell; 2nd grade Miss Jamie Lee Cox; 4th grade Miss Artie McArthur; 5th grade, Miss Irene Howard; 6th and 7th grades Miss Goldie Spring; English, Latin and History in high school, Miss Opal Slater; Rural School, E. C. Cunningham; Mathematics and science

J. W. Thompson, Supt.

Visit the new store in the Gray-Easterwood building where you will find the best goods at the fairest prices. Weber & Sons.

UNION COUNTY TEACHERS MEET

Hold Big Session at Des Moines. Meeting Attended by Noted Educators of State. Program Follows.

Des Moines, New Mexico, October 22-23, 1915. Program:

FRIDAY EVENING

Instrumental Solo, "Overture to Poet and Peasant," F. Von Suppe
Miss Bernice Sears.
Invocation, Rev. Allman.
Vocal Solo, "The Way to Stumblers," Lieurance, Mrs. Florence Jacobs.

Address, "The Full Life Versus the Empty Life," Dr. David R. Boyd, U. N. M.

Baritone Solo, "Asleep in the Deep," Petrie Prof. T. J. Perry.
Address President E. L. Enloe, of the New Mexico Normal School.

Vocal Solo, "At the Gates of the Palace of Dreams," Schmid, Miss Nella Sutton.

Reading, Miss Goldie Spring.
Male Quartette, "Sleep, Kentucky Baba," "Old Black Joe."

Instrumental Solo, "Ripples of the Alleghany," Lincoln, Mrs. Chester Schroeder.

SATURDAY MORNING

Opening Exercises

2. Reading, Miss Mary Ryan.
3. Address, J. V. Conway County Supt. Santa Fe County.

4. Paper, "Pay Day," Miss Opal Slater, Principal Clayton High School
5. Paper, "Memory Work for Beginners," Miss Irma Shelton.

6. Reading, Miss Goldie Spring.

7. Paper, "Some Phases of Child Study," Prof. J. W. Thompson.

8. Paper "Geography of history," Mr. Wm. Felter.

9. Address, "The Chief Factor in School," County Superintendent H. H. Errett.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

1 to 5 p. m.

Views from the peak of Sierra Grande.

SATURDAY EVENING

7:30

1. Instrumental Solo "Shepherd Boy," Wilson, Mrs. Chester Schroeder.

2. Invocation, Rev. Allman.
3. Vocal Solo, "Dearie," Miss Catherine Wehrer.

4. Address, Hon. A. N. White, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

5. Vocal Solo, "Alone," Miss Nella Sutton.

6. Address, "The Psychology of the Child," Rev. Ray S. Dum.

7. Male Quartette, "Larboard Watch," "Owl and the Cat."

8. Instrumental Solo, "Melody of Love," Engelman, Miss Bernice Sears

9. Vocal Solo, "Sing Me to Sleep," Green, Mrs. Florence Jacobs.

So the People May Know

It is one thing to accuse, another to prove. During the last session of the Board of County Commissioners, I was accused of lending my support in favor of a move to disfranchise the Spanish-Americans of this county. In the first place, if such a move is on foot, I have never heard of it. It is true, however, that an organization headed by a Mr. Larrazolo, is being agitated throughout the state. I do not hold any of the Larrazolo cards, either pro or con, and I do not think very much of a by the oath, as I understand it, required by this Larrazolo organization.

I am a democrat from principle, and not because of any early training in life or for any particular blood that courses through my veins. It is great to be a democrat, greater to be a resident of New Mexico, and far greater to be a true American citizen. To be a true American citizen, we must grant every man his rights, and if we are to hold to the sacred principles of the democratic party, we must not discriminate against one class in favor of another. As for me, I know no nationality or race. First of all, I'm an American citizen, a member of the great and glorious old democratic party. It matters not in what

county you may address me, if you

are a citizen of these U. S., and a believer in the principles that I hold sacred, I will associate my self with you at any time and place in the interest of this commonwealth.

I have lived in New Mexico about eight years, and during that time, I have been very closely connected, in a business way, with the Spanish-speaking people of this county. I have learned to speak the language, and I like the people. I can count my friends among the Spanish-Americans by the score. I can not believe that those who know me, will believe this malicious falsehood, manufactured by my enemies, for the purpose of discrediting me before my friends. Hear me now, any man who says that I have said or done anything to eliminate my Spanish-speaking friends from the democratic party, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. It is true, I insisted on the creation of some few new precincts, but I have only the interest of the county as a whole at heart, and not any set or race of people.

I recognize the fact that the Spanish-Americans are the original settlers of this county and state, and I assure you that so long as I have any voice in the democratic organization, they will be recognized.

G. C. SMITH.

Thirty

George W. Bourus, business manager of the Citizen, died at his ranch near Sedan, last Monday, October 11, 1915, very suddenly from a third stroke of apoplexy. He left the Citizen office on Tuesday, the 5th, to go out to his ranch and take witnesses to Amistad and offer final proof on his homestead application. All this was accomplished and he was intending to return home to resume work. On Monday he started out on a short walk with his wife but had gone only a little ways when he was suddenly attacked and fell to the ground. Mrs. Bourus summoned help as soon as possible and got him back to the house where he soon expired, never having regained consciousness. F. P. Kilburn, the undertaker, was notified by phone message and went out and brought the body to Clayton and prepared it for burial. Funeral services were conducted by the I. O. O. F. of Clayton and the funeral sermon was preached at the M. E. church by Rev. R. S. Dum, the pastor. The remains were followed to the Masonic cemetery where they were laid away.

He was born in New York City, August 18, 1858, and went with his parents to Philadelphia when he was five years old, where his mother died when he was 13 years of age. In 1875, he went to Chicago and established a large job printery on Dearborn street where he did a prosperous business. December 29, 1881, he married Bessie A. Bright of Ogdensburg, New York, and continued his business in Chicago until February, 1909, when on account of ill health and having contracted lead poison, he moved to Oklahoma City. From there he came to New Mexico on October 13, 1911, and located a homestead claim of 320 acres. On July 12th, 1912, he began work at the Citizen office where he worked until a few days before his death.

Of the above union there were five children, three boys and two girls. One son, Jesse G. Bourus, lives in Everett, Washington. Minna, Joseph and J. Harry and Mrs. Geo. F. Reed, all live in Oklahoma City. Beside being an I. O. O. F. he was a Woodman in good standing with a life insurance policy of \$3,000.

He had in his possession a beautiful art production of printery 101 years ago by the press in London. It is a souvenir of the peace treaty after the great victory of the Nile, printed on golden colored silk in styles of type that have not changed as much as one would naturally suppose. It may be said to be an heirloom, having descended to him through his great grandparents.

He was a master in art printery. He was faithful to the end and had fought a good fight. May he rest in peace.

HON. CHAMP CLARK IN CLAYTON

Speaker of National House of Representatives Passed Through on Thursday. Made Short Address.

Hon. Champ Clark, representative of the 9th Missouri district and Speaker of the House passed through Clayton Thursday noon. Local citizens, upon being apprised of the coming of Mr. Clark, hastily spread the news and had a large crowd, led by the local band and the school children, at the depot to welcome the distinguished visitor. Mr. Clark was accompanied by Mrs. Clark and his secretary and was on his way to the Texas State Fair at Dallas. He made a short address from the train platform.

Decision About Land Contests

Santa Fe, Oct. 8.—A decision of utmost importance to homesteaders has been handed down by the general land office and may do much to reduce the unwarranted land contests brought so frequently against entrymen.

The decision states the position of the commissioner of the general land office in regard to contests not properly prosecuted that are seemingly brought to make trouble for settlers. The dictum is that if the contest is not pushed within the time allotted by law, and the thirty days expire, the contestant cannot be reinstated in his rights and begin it all over again with the same land and the same parties involved. It has become one of the favorite outdoor sports to institute a contest against land, compelling the entryman to secure attorneys and to go to other expense, only to find that the contestant does nothing to perfect his fight during the time allowed by law. The time limit expires and then he starts all over again, and the contestee must a second time arrange to protect his rights.

Thus it goes on until in many cases the entryman becomes exhausted in purse and patience and allows his land to go by default. The opinion is in the case of Neiger vs Keyes and involves a desert entry which was twice contested by Neiger, who the second time made the same charges he did in the first.—Albuquerque Journal.

Methodist Notes for Sunday, Oct. 17

9:45 a. m. Sunday School.

11:00 a. m. Morning worship. Subject of sermon "The Badge of Discipleship."

3:00 p. m. Preaching at Georgia School House.

7:30 p. m. Evening worship and sermon. Subject "The Price of Peace."

Mid-week service for bible study on Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Preaching at Grandview on Friday evening, Oct. 22nd.

Preaching at Samp on Sunday, afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, October 25th.

Ray Spotts, Dum, Minister.

M. E. Ladies Aid

The M. E. Ladies Aid met at the church on Wednesday afternoon.

It being the first meeting of the year new officers were elected, who are as follows:

Mrs. Hugh B. Woodward, President. Mrs. D. A. Paddock, Vice President. Mrs. Floyd Akins, Secretary and Treasurer.

It was unanimously voted that the aid buy a library for the Sunday school. The former president, Mrs. R. Q. Palmer not being present Mrs. Paddock opened the meeting with devotional services. The next meeting will be held at the church October 27th.

All persons interested are invited. Refreshments will be served by Mesdames Woodward, Paddock and Akins.

Mrs. Akins, Secretary.

Mrs. E. W. Fox and little daughter Miss Adelaide, returned Sunday from Denver where they attended the Schleter-John wedding.